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DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS EIGHTH ANNUAL GALA TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

DETROIT - Join the **Detroit Historical Society** for a celebration of one of our region's premier keepers of maritime history at the **2012 Dossin Great Lakes Museum Gala** on **Friday, June 8** from **6 – 10 p.m.**, co-presented with the **Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority**. This year's gala features a speakeasy theme, strolling dinner, the opportunity to explore the Museum's exhibits, complimentary valet parking, music, and a silent auction.

Proceeds from the Gala provide much needed funds to support the Dossin Great Lakes Museum so that the Society can continue to provide educational programs and exhibits that celebrate the maritime history of our region.

For tickets or information, call the Society's Development Office at **(313) 833-1980**. "High Roller" tickets are \$200/person, with "Shark" level tickets at \$150 and "Snapper" level (for Society friends 35 and under) at \$100. Cocktail attire is requested. All tickets will be held at the door.

The Great Lakes History sponsors for the event is **Mr. & Mrs. William A. Chope**. Maritime Tour Sponsors include **Doug & Diane Dossin, Marianne Endicott, and Jim & Ann Nicholson**. Model Ship Sponsors include **Michigan Marine Terminal, Flame Heating & Cooling, Sidonie Dossin Brown, Lewis & Munday, P.C. and Alan and Kim Whitman**.

The Honorary Host Committee for the gala includes the following: **Charles & Joan Bayer; David and Julie Breen; Catharine & Kevin Broderick; Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Brodie; Sidonie Dossin Brown;** Detroit Historical Society President **Thomas Buhl & Lindsey Buhl;** Detroit Historical Society CEO **Bob Bury & Mary Ann Bury; Mr. & Mrs. William**

Chope; Doug & Diane Dossin; Marianne Endicott; Robert & Ann Greenstone; Scott A. Gregory; Dr. and Mrs. Steven Grekin; John and Cynthia Jamian; Mr. & Mrs. Martin A. Krall; Dennis and Melissa Levasseur; U.S. Senator Carl Levin; Patty and Tim McCarthy; Sandy and Mimi McMillan; Jim & Ann Nicholson; Dr. Roy B. Norton, Consul General of Canada to Michigan; Lisa and Greg Nowak; U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow; Alan and Kim Whitman; and Jeff & Norma Jean Zaleski.

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum is dedicated to preserving and presenting the rich legacy of the Detroit River and the Great Lakes. In 1949, the Museum of Great Lakes History was opened on Belle Isle aboard the landed wood schooner *J. T. Wing*, the last commercial sailing ship on the Great Lakes. Seven years later, this Museum was closed due to the deteriorated condition of the *J.T. Wing*. The Dossin Family, a well-known name in the wholesale food and soft drink businesses, provided the funds for a new maritime museum. The new facility, now named the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, opened on the *Wing's* former Belle Isle site on July 24, 1960, the 259th anniversary of Detroit's founding.

The Dossin Museum, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free at the Museum; however, donations are welcome. During the week, the Museum is open for group tours by advance reservation. Permanent exhibits include the *Miss Pepsi* vintage 1950s championship hydroplane, a bow anchor from the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter *S.S. William Clay Ford*, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. New exhibits include *To Scale: Great Lakes Model Ship Builders* and *Bells and Whistles, Flags and Flashes: Lost Languages of the Lakes*. For more information, call (313) 833-5538 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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